BERMUDA.

AN ACT

For fixing and aſcertaining the RATES of FERRYAGE between the Weſternmoſt Part of the Iſland of St. George and the Iſland commonly called Coney Iſland, now joined to the Main Land by a Cauſeway, and for the Diſpoſal of the Profits ariſing therefrom.

WHEREAS many Difficulties and Inconveniencies have ariſen to the Public from the Mode hitherto obſerved in the keeping the Public Ferry, (the Emoluments of which have been too inconſiderable to fix for any length of Time the Continuance of a Perſon capable of giving Satisfaction to the Public) for the Prevention of which, by encreaſing the Fares, and regulating the Diſpoſal of the ſame, We, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the General Aſſembly of theſe your Majeſty's Bermuda or Somers' Iſlands, in America, do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your Majeſty's Governor, Council, and Aſſembly, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the

ſame, that the Keeper of the Ferry for the Time being, deriving his Appointment in conſequence of this Act, ſhall be authoriſed and empowered to receive the following Rates or Fares for paſſing the ſaid Ferry, to wit, For every Horſe, Mare or Gelding, with its Rider, or Conductor, Eight-pence current Money for each and every Time it may paſs or repaſs the ſaid Ferry. For every living Ox, Bull, Cow, Sheep, Calf, Goat or Hog, with its Conductor, the like Sum of Eight-pence. For every Foot Paſſenger, whether Black or White, except it be the Conductor of a Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Ox, Bull, Cow, Sheep, Calf or Hog, as aforeſaid, the Sum of Four-pence like Money, which Payment ſhall entitle ſuch Foot Paſſenger to repaſs the ſaid Ferry gratis at any Time during the ſame Day.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that Lieutenant Sparry, the preſent Keeper, be allowed to retain the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Ferry until the fifteenth Day of *June* next enſuing the Publication hereof, and to receive the above Fares without accounting therefor, or for any Part thereof, to the Public, as a Compenſation for any Services he hath rendered, or may render, as Keeper of the ſaid Ferry during the Term aforeſaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that on the ſecond Tueſday in *May* next enſuing the Publication hereof, between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon of the ſame Day, the ſaid Ferry, with the Ferry Houſe, and its Appurtenances, as herein after deſcribed, to be ſold at a Yearly Rent to the higheſt Bidder, at Public Outcry, on the Parade, in the Town of St. George, by the Public Treaſurer (ten Days previous Notice of the Time and Place of ſuch Sale being given by Advertiſements to be affixed in the moſt public Places throughout theſe Iſlands) for the Space of Three Years, to commence from the ſixteenth Day of the ſaid Month of *June* next enſuing the Publication hereof, and that ſuch Purchaſer, previous to his Entry on the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Ferry, do enter into Obligation, with approved Security, to the ſaid Treaſurer, in a Sum equal to double the Amount of the ſaid Rent for the ſaid Term of three Years, conditioned as follows, that is to ſay, The Condition of the above Obligation is ſuch, that if the above-bounden A. B. his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, do and ſhall well and ſufficiently diſcharge the Office of Keeper of the Public Ferry for the Space of Three Years next enſuing the Day of the Date of the above Obligation,

gation, and during all that Time keep the Ferry Houſes and Outhouſes in good Repair, and find, and at his own Expence, one Horſe Boat, and one Yawl or ſmall Boat of about fourteen Feet long by the Keel, with ſufficient Boatmen for the tranſporting and carrying acroſs the ſaid Public Ferry any Paſſengers, Horſes, Cattle, or other Goods or Chattles that may apply or be offered for that Purpoſe, and alſo do, and ſhall well and truly pay Yearly, and every Year, during the Time, the Sum of ——— current Money to the ſaid Public Treaſurer, or his Succeſſor, and alſo well and truly yield up the ſaid Ferry to the Perſon who may become the Purchaſer thereof, at the expiration of the ſaid Term of Three Years, without Fraud, Covin, or further Delay, then the above Obligation to be void, or elſe to remain in full Force, Power, and Virtue.

And be it alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that on the ſecond Tueſday in *March* next preceding the expiration of the ſaid Term of Three Years, and ſo on every ſecond Tueſday in *March* next preceding the expiration of any future Term, the ſaid Ferry be in like manner ſold at Public Outcry, on the Terms and Conditions above ſtipulated.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Perſon who may become Purchaſer of the Public Ferry, on the ſaid ſecond Tueſday of *May* next, ſhall account with the Public Treaſurer for the Boat now belonging to the ſaid Ferry, at a Price to be fixed by three indifferent Perſons to be nominated by ſuch Purchaſer, and approved by the ſaid Treaſurer; and that at the expiration of the ſaid Term the ſaid Horſe and Foot Boats ſo belonging to the ſaid Ferry, be accounted for by the Public Treaſurer with the ſaid Ferry Keeper, at a Valuation to be made in like manner, and then delivered over at ſuch laſt-mentioned Valuation to the next Purchaſer; and that the like Mode be obſerved reſpecting Ferry Boats at the Commencement or Expiration of any future Term for which the ſaid Ferry may be ſold.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Houſe on the Southern Side of the Ferry, with the Public Land adjoining thereto, and the ſmall Iſland lying in the ſaid Ferry, (together with the Houſe and Public Land on the Northern ſide of the ſaid Ferry, whenever the laſt-mentioned Houſe ſhall ceaſe to be uſed as a Barrack for the Accommodation of his Majeſty's Troops

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there Quartered) be conſidered, and the ſame hereby are declared to be Appendages to the ſaid Ferry, and that the Uſe and Occupation thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, be enjoyed by the Keeper of the Ferry for the Time being.

AND be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, that the Monies ariſing from the Rent of the ſaid Public Ferry, be applied for and towards the ſupplying the Deficiency of the Fund eſtabliſhed by an Act, entitled "An Act for raiſing a Public Revenue for "the Support of the Government of theſe his Majeſty's Iſlands."

VOTED and paſſed the Aſſembly this 29th Day of *March* 1783, and Ordered to be laid before the Council for Concurrence.

CORNELIUS HINSON, Speaker.

CONCURRED to by the Council this 3d Day of *April* 1783.

THOMAS HUNT, Preſident of the Council.

ASSENTED to this 4th Day of *April* 1783.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

TITLES of ACTS paſſed in 1783, viz.

An Act for an Addition to and Amendment of an Act, entitled "An Act to prevent the "ſpreading of the Small Pox."---Repealed.

An Act for limiting the Duration of Aſſemblies.---Diſallowed.

An Act for an Addition to and Amendment of an Act, entitled "An Act for regulating "the Militia of theſe his Majeſty's Iſlands "of Bermuda."---Expired.

An Act for iſſuing from the Treaſury Certificates to certain Creditors to the Public, and others, payable from the Fund eſtabliſhed by an Act, entitled "An Act for "raiſing a Public Revenue for the Support "of the Government of theſe his Majeſty's "Iſlands," pointing out the manner in which ſuch Certificates ſhall be iſſued and ſunk, and for ſupplying the Deficiency of the ſaid Fund.